REPORTING THE CODE.

ONE HUNDRED A QUORUM IN COM-MITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Republicans Favor the Majority Report While the Democrats Bitterly Oppose It...Views of Speaker Reed d Ex-Speaker Carlisle,

The new code of rules prepared by Speaker Reed and Mr. Carlisle reviews the rules from standpoints of the gentlemen named. The minority report on this question deals only with some radical changes which the Democrats object to very vigorously, while the majority report is in detail,

The manner of determining u pon a quorum to do business under the constitution would ordinarily be under control of the Speaker. There is a new clause providing that no dilatory mo-Speaker, that is, merely dilatory of par-liamentary law. There are no words, report says, which can be found which will limit members to the proper

use of proper motions.

The abuse has grown to such proportions that the parliamentary law which governs American assemblies has found it necessary to keep pace with the evil and to enable the majority, by the intervention of the presiding officer, to meet by extraordinary means the extraordinary abuse of power on the part sometimes of a few members.

The report provides that when a mo-tion is made by direction of a committee to suspend the rules and fix a day for the consideration of a bill previously reported by it a majority vote shall be sufficient to agree upon the motion.

of the Whole are dealt with as follows: It is proposed by the majority to ake a quorum of the Committee of e Whole House on the state of the Union consists of one hundred members or considerably less than one-third of all the members of the House.

Every bill appropriating money or property or raising revenue must have first consideration in this nittee of One Hundred. this Since the organization the Government it has required the same number of members to constitute a quorum in the Committee of as in the House-that is, ority of all the membersa majority elect-and that is manifestly the true rule, because the committee is composed of all the members of the House. It is, indeed, the House itself deliberating as a committee.

It has always been so universally conceded that a Committae of the Whole House was simply the House itself that it has never been considered necessary to prescribe in the rules what number of members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum in such ecommittee. The Constitution requires majority of all the mambers elect to constitute a quorum to do busi ness in the House and without any rule on the subject. The same number has always been recognized as ne-cessary in a Committee of the Whole, and whenever it found itself with less than that number present and voting it has been compelled to suspend its proceedings.

"The "counting in" rules that caused so much bitterness during the recent truggle in the House over the Smith Jackson contested election case is thus

This is the most radical, and in our opinion, the most dangerous, innovation proposed by the majority.

If agreed to, it will not only overthrow the construction that has been uniformly given to the Constitution for more than a century, but it will enable less than a majority of the representatives of the people pass the most important laws, affecting the interests of the whole country. citizen, tofore by laws enacted by the votes of a majority may be impaired or destroyed by the votes of a mere frac tion of the members of Congress. for if less than a majority constitutionally pass measures in the House, of course the same thing may be done in the Senate. In the same way enormous sums of money may be appropriated from the public treas for the most unconstitutional and improper purposes, and the in-terests of the tax-payers completely subordinated to the selfish demands of private individuals and corporations.

"Without entering here into a discussion of the constitutional question involved in this proposition, we most earnestly protest against it it as a measure of the most dangerous and revolutionary character Any rule or practice which enables the Speaker or the Clerk to pass bills by counting members present and not voting will inevitably result in destroying the confidence of the people in the integrity of leg-

The concluding clause of the report deals with the action of the majority members of the committee in abolishing certain privileged motions, and sums up as follows: All parliamentary motions heretofore recognized in the House and simply providing that members make such motions only as the Speaker may see proper to permit, and take only such appeals from his decisions as he may seem proper to allow, should have the merit of directness and simplicity.

This rule would be no more unreason able or unjust than the one proposed and will have the effect of preven conflicts upon the floor by advising members just exactly what their rights

HEAVY GALES ALL OVER,

Washington. However, Escapes With Nothing Worse Than a Rainy Day. Yesterday was a great day for storms. It might not have been known from what was to be seen or felt in this city but from the Gulf all along the Atlantic Coast and throughout the country generally there existed by all odds worst wind storm of the season. While esota was revelling in a blizzard and the people of sunny California had scarcely recovered from the backaches they contracted while shovelling their way through snow drifts, Washington people were grumbling because the city

was visited by an early autumn rain The wind swooped across the coun try from the west all day at the rate o forty miles an hour, clearing a broad belt of devastation in its wake, but paid a graceful tribute to the superior quality and force of the article with which Washington has recently been supplied from the Capitol by quietly dodging around this city and not re covering its breath again until it com-menced operations at Norfolk to the South at the rate of thirty two miles are hour and struck New York at a thirty-

The day was a disagreeable enough one from a Washington standpoint. The drizzling rain, which commenced on Friday evening, was succeeded in the early morning hours by a steady downpour, the monotony of which was occasionally varied by an extraordinary heavy shower. This state of affairs continued until late in the after neen, when the rain ceased, and there was a slight flury of snow, which was enceeeded by what the more-or less

cloquent and expressive language of the weather bureau called "clearing weather bureau called

In a few hours the streets over which the people had been slushing and slip-ping all day were as dry as a bone, and ifter dark the stars twinkled through the dry, crisp atmosphere as brilliantly as the diamonds in a hotel clerk's hirt bosom. Over an inch and a hall of rain had fallen during the day, but by 10 o'clock you couldn't tell by look-ng at the streets that there had been rain for a month.

A Critic reporter called at the Signal Office last night, and after running the gauntlet of a number of gentlemen who were busily engaged in drawing marks all over maps of the United States with red and blue pencils, found the young man who had charge of the weather for the day. From him he learned that Texas was to blame for the whole business. The storm started out on its travels from that State bright and early on Thursday morning, and has been careening around the country

Yesterday it fell in with a companion from the Rocky Mountains and the pair started out on a regular old tear. There were beavy snowfalls from Ten-nessee to the lower lake region, and an unusually heavy rainfall throughout the country. A cold wave followed in the track of the storm, but Washington will, so the young man says, not par ticipate in this to any great extent, and, after a fine clear Sunday, we will have warmer weather to morrow.

BRUTALLY MURDERED

Farmer Floyd and His Wife Assaulted

By Burglars for Their Money. PLATTSBURG, N.Y., Feb. 8.-Ranson Floyd, a respected and wealthy farme aged 75 years, who resided with his wife aged 66 years, two miles north of West out, had prepared to retire at \$30 last vening. Mrs. Floyd sat reading the amily Bible with her husband at the de of the kitchen stove.

Mr. Floyd was suddenly startled by the furious barking of the watch-dog which was chained at the barn. Before he had time to see what the trouble was or to guard himself he saw a man with a bandana handkerchief fastened over the lower part of his face enter the kitchen door

The burglar demanded all the money that was in the house, and threatened to shoot the agod couple unless the demand was complied with. Mr. Floyd refused to give up his money and was struck with a club in the back of the head. The burglar also fired two shots He became unconscious from the effects of the blow and remembers to more of what occurred,

On regaining consciousness he found his wife lying dead on the floor in a pool of blood. There were several gashes on her head and she had been shot once in the body. The Bible from which she had been reading was still lasped in her hands.

It was evident that she had not had time to protect herself or to flee from the murderer. The house had been ransacked, but nothing was taken. The burglar had probably become terrided by his awful deed, and he hur ried away without making a thorough arch for booty.

There were two certified checks, eft untouched in a bureau drawer. Mr. Floyd had received the money ye terday morning for farm produce and wood, and it is thought the burglar and murderer knew of this and exjected to obtain a large amount of money. There is not the slightest clue to the murderer. Floyd may recover, although his wounds are dangerous.

CASHING USELESS CHECKS.

Carl Barker's Pretty Wife Clings to Him in His Trouble.

Carl Barker, a young German recently married, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Horne on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He is a comparative stranger in the city and is living in a modest cotinge on Florida avenue with his pretty little wife, who has clung to him in his

Ernst Gerstenberg, the restaurant reprietor of the Avenue, indersed a check for \$50, which was cashed by James M. Smith, a lawyer. Gersten-berg himself cashed a check for \$15 signed by Barker. When the paper presented at bank it was disc that Barker had no money in bank, and complaint was made to the police. The man is now locked up at the Sixth precinct station.

Consul Gottschalt. Judge Louis Gottschalt, who was recently appointed Consul to Stuttgart, leaves New York for his post next Wednesday. The Judge is a citizen of Los Angeles, a stalwart Republican and a leader among the German ele-ment of his party. He served as a delegate in the convention which nomi nated Abraham Lincoln for President. He has served St. Louis as a State Sena-tor and left behind him a splendid record as a circuit judge in that city. Some years ago he went to Los Angeles. where he made some money in the real estate boom, and now returns to his fatherland as a representative of his adopted country.

Colonel Tourtellot Dead.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Feb. 8.-Colonel Libbeus C. Tourtellot died to-day at his home here in his 84th year. He was a pative of Mendon, Mass., and had been in cotton work longer than any man living in this country. He was a cap-tain in the Third Rhode Island Heavy Artillery in the war of the rebellion, seing senior in command at the taking of Fort Pulaski, and was subsequently a brigadler general in the militia. He was a prominent Free Mason and O.Id

HETENA, MONT, Feb. 8.—Sheriff Parker, who is on his way to Helena with Senator Becker, was arrested at Bozeman this afternoon by the Sheriff of Gallatin County on the charge of kidnapping the Senator. He waived exumination and was placed under be As the matter now stands Becker is in Bozeman with the sheriff, and unless a special is employed he will not reach Helena before to-morrow.

Kidnapping a Senator.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Feb. 8.-Alfred Andrews was sentenced to-day to be hanged for the murder of Clara Price at Kartnaus on November 27 last. Andrews showed no emotion, and in reply to the usual question said he had nothing to say.

Some Distinguished Passengers.

New York, Feb. 8-Among the passengers on the French liner La Normandie today were Pince Dhulcep Singh of Hindoostan: Leon Bellinguet, Chancellor of the French consulate at Hountulu, and Heuri Vetrilloit, delegate of France to the Mari-

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Mr. H. T. Brows, living in Shady Grove, Franklin County, Va., says: Having thor-oughly tested Dr. Bull's Haby Syrup in my family I cheerfully certify to its uniformly good effect, and recommend it as a most ex-

SOCIETY'S GAY WHIRL

IS CALLED TO A HALT BY MONDAY'S TRAGIC EVENT

Cabinet Receptions, Card Parties and Other Social Gatherings Were Mapped Out-Lenton Prayers Will Re Soon in Order.

The season of 1890 is over and will go down on record as one of the most tragic which Washington has ever known. It virtually came to a close Monday morning when the first sad tidings of the frightful calamity in the Tracy household brought everything to a sudden standstill. A few private entertainments will yet be given before Ash Wednesday, but the crush is over. The White House receptions, with the State dinner to have been given last Thursday, together with the dinner to have been given last night by the Vice-President and the second card reception for the 13th instant, have all been postponed until after Lent. The Cabinet houses will also be closed until after Lent. Among the various card receptions to have been given by the Cabinet were those on the 8th, 14th and 17th instants by Secretary and Mrs. Noble on the 17th instant by Postmaster-General and Mrs. Wanamaker; two receptions by Secretary and Mrs. Windom, and two by the family of the Secretary of the Navy. The cards for the latter receptions were all addressed and neatly led in the top bureau drawer in Mrs. Wilmerding's room, and, with the exception of the damage done by water, were brought out by the firemen and laid on the terrace, where a number were taken by people in the crowd to be kept as

Monday-Mrs. Lincoln will give a small tea, to which the invitations are verbal, in honor of Mrs. Winthrop.

Mrs. MacDonald will give a tea from to 7 at her residence, 1514 R street. In the evening the subscription ger-man of forty couples will be given at the National Rifles' Armory under the auspices of the following committee:
Mrs. Richardson Clover, Miss Porter,
Miss Stoughton and Miss Myers. Mrs.
Hale will receive the guests and Mr. Fred Poor will lead the cotillion, for which the favors have nearly all been prepared by the committee. Mrs. Mc-Kee will take no part in the entertainment, as she had intended prior to Mon-

Ex-Senator and Mrs. Henderson will give a reception to the Pan-Americans at 9 o'clock. Tuesday-

Mrs. E. C. Walthall will give a tea from 4 to 7 at her residence, 1714 Rhode Mrs. De Ford Webb will hold her second reception. Mrs. Barney will give a tea from 4 to

6:30 at her residence, corner of Six-teenth and K streets. In the evening the Daucing Class will e entertained by Mrs. David R. McKee t her residence, corner of M street and Connecticut avenue.

Wednesday-Mrs. D. P. Morgan will hold her secnd card reception from 4 to 7.

Mrs. Lyman Tiffany and Miss Tiffany vill give a tea from 4 to 7.

Mrs. Wm. Dunlop will give a tea from In the evening the last of the series of assemblies will be given at the National Rifles' Armory.

Thursday-Mrs. Outerbridge Horsey and the Misses Horsey will give a reception at

Saturday-

Senator and Mrs. Dolph will give a linner party.

Dr. Louis Mackall and the Misses Mackall have issued cards for a recepion from 8 to 11 on the evening of the 17th instant.

Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Right Hon orable Bishop of Ontario, after a stay of several days at the Arno, left Wednesday to join her husband at the Brunswick in New York and be pres-ent with him the following day at a dinner given in their honor by Mr. Mrs. Pierpont Morgan. The Bishop and his wife will return to Washington on the 17th instant, as Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote have tendered the use of the legation ball-room on the 18th instant in order that Mrs. Lewis may meet and interest the social world in one of her many charitable projects. As Miss Ada Leigh she visited this country several years ago and, assisted by Miss Okie, after a meeting held one morning in Mrs. Endicott's parlors, succeeded in raising quite a large sum of money for the establishment of a home for young American and English artists and students in Paris. The object of the meeting on the 18th instant, for which occasion eards wil be issued, is for the purpose of raising the amount necessary to pay off the debt now resting on a house to be called the "Helping Hand," situated near the Gare St. Lazare, in Paris. The building was given by an American woman for this purpose, with the proviso that the money should be raised to pay for the ground on which it stands. During the past summer the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a bazar concert given by Mrs. Lewis at the Lon-don residence of Hon. Cyril Flower. in aid of the same project. Baroness Rothschilds and Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, are warm personal friends of Mrs. Lewis and materially aided in the accomplishment of her charitable

The tea given yesterday by Mrs. M. Matthews and the Misses Matthews at their home in Georgetown was an rooms, with the lights and flowers, form ing a welcome contrast to the steady downpour outside. In the library was spread a small tea-table, with a centre piece of yellow jonquils, while La France roses decorated the table in the dining-room, where Mrs. Samuel Wheatley presided and served coffee. The hostess were a gown of black silk and jet, and was assisted in receiving by her daughters, Miss Emily and Miss Lucy Matthews, in white India slik; Mrs. Henry Matthews, in her wedding gown of white satin; Mrs Pitt Cooke pink crepe; Mrs. Corcoran, black lace; Miss Nellie Wheatley, gray gauze over pink silk; Miss Fannie Wheatley, pink nun's veiling; Miss Mary Blake Jones, black silk and jet; Mrs. Ben. Heilen, pink India silk; Mrs. Commodore Nicholson, black slik, with gold passementeries: Miss May Sawyer, black lace: Miss Mand Sawyer, white nun's veiling; Miss Kate Dongal, white nun's veiling; Miss Nina Bradley, white lace, and Miss Tirzah Mackall, white India silk. Among the guests were: Mrs. William Dunlop, Mrs. and Miss Thom. Mrs. Thomas Wood, Mr. and Miss Thom. Mrs. Thomas Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Holdsworth Gordon, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Johns Baisy Billings, Mrs. Greenleaf, Mrs. John Beatl, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheatley, Miss Emily Hyde, Mr. Barry Buckley, Mr. Sanuel Weatley, the Misses Wheatley, Miss Von Dachenhausen, the Misses Bailey, Miss Stansbury, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stuart,

Miss Claudia Stuart, Miss Mnir, Miss Ida Dorsey, Miss Jennie Dorsey, Mrs. John Pat-ten, Mrs. Philip Darnellie, Miss Maggie Darnellie, Mrs. John Trimble, Miss Jennie Beall, Dr. Harban, the Misses Mackall, the Misses Darnellie, the Misses Sawyer, Com-modore Nicholson, Miss Emily Mew, Miss Apple Sayder

Annie Snyder. Miss Shepard, daughter of Colonel Elliott Shepard of New York, was to have come to Washington on Monday last as the guest of the President and Mrs. Harrison, when the sad occur-rences of that day temporarily delayed her visit. It had been the intention of Mrs. McKee to have given a party in her honor to the young people of soci-ety, who would then have enjoyed the novel experience of dancing in the East

Room, where crash was to have been spread over the cavpet.

Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland went to Geneva, N. Y., on Thursday to be present at the marriage of Mr. W. S. Bissell of Buffalo to Miss Louisa Sturges. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the brides' parents at 6 o'clock. By special request of the citizens of Geneva the ex-President and his wife held a reception from 4 to 5 o'clock. After the ceremony, which was followed by a card reception, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland left with the bride and groom on their wedding trip.

Mrs. George Whitfield Brown was assisted at her enjoyable tea on Monday last by Miss Cuthbert, Miss Jessie Cuthbert, Miss McLaren, Miss Thomp-son and Miss Aldrich. The receiving party stood in front of an alcove with an effective background of palms. The gown worn by the hostess was white faille and lace, with corsage knot of white Parma violets; Miss Cuthbert, white silk, with bouquet of white hya-cinths, and Miss Thompson, scarlet crepe de chine. In the dining-room a number of young gentlemen assisted in dispensing the delightful collation. Among the many guests present were Mrs. Ross Perry, Mrs. Hoes, Mrs. An-drew Coyle, Mrs. Arthur Payne, the Misses Weeks, Mrs. and the Misses Bayden of South Carolina.

The death of Mr. Hugh Garland Meem, the hero of the Newburg, W. Va., mine disaster in August last, oc-curred ten days since, at Mount Savage, Md., where he had gone to spend the Christmas holidays with a friend. The brave young fellow, whose heroic conduct in rescuing men from the sub-merged mines has become a matter of history, was taken ill with typhoid fever the day after his arrival, and in spite of every medical attention never rallied.

The dinner to have been given by Representative and Mrs. Hitt to Speaker and Mrs. Reed on Wednesday was postponed on account of the funeral of Mrs. and Miss Tracy. Singularly enough the first occasion on which the dinner was to have been given was the even-ing of Mr. Walker Blaine's funeral.

The report that Prince Hatzfeldt and his wife would soon come to America to make their home in New York is in correct, as they have no such inten-tion. It is quite possible that they may come to New York next autumu for a short stay, as the Prince has never visited America, but their home will always be abroad. At present they are in Paris, where Prince Halzfeldt's father is their guest.

Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote had issued invitations for a dinner, to be followed by a dancing reception on Wednesday evening last, but recalled them at the last moment, as a mark of respect to Secretary Tracy.

Miss Nellie Bayard is the guest of Mrs. Clymer. Ex Secretary Bayard and Mrs. Bayard spent several days in the city last week, returning on Thursday to their home in Wilmington

Mrs. Tsui Kwo Yin wife of the Chi-nese minister, accompanied by her sister Mrs. She, has enjoyed several nades lately in Dupont Circle to the in-tense delight of the minister's 12 year entertainment for the benefit of the poor of West Washington will be given at the Seminary building at 8 o'clock. experience considerable difficulty in engineering their way safely over the pavement between gation and the Circle. Their timidity ogether with their grotesque ments never falls to excite the highest degree of hilarity in the youngster who evinces his enjoyment of the scene by peals of laughter.

General and Mrs. Alger, at present in Boston, will return to Washington in the course of a fortnight, when they will be joined by the Misses Alger and General and Mrs. Clarkson, for a trip to Fortress Monroe on the 19th instant

Hon. Amelia B. Edwards, the distinguished Egyptologist, will bid fare-well to America in March. Her last lectures, under the auspices of the New England Woman's Press Association, will be given in Boston. It is expected that Mrs. Edwards will visit Washing ton in the course of a fortnight and number of entertainments are already being planned in her honor.

The marriage of Miss Susanne Earle to Mr. Ogden Jones of New York will take place at her residence on George-town Heights February 15. Mr. Jones will take his bride for a wedding tripto Bermuda, and in the early summer wil go abroad Mrs. Mullan entertained a party o fourteen ladies at luncheon on Thurs

day in honor of Mrs. Cammack of Bal timore. The decorations were ionquils Among the guests were Mrs. Dolpt Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Mrs. Crosby, Mr. Preston, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Squire. The entertainment evening, the 13th, for charitable pur-The entertainment on Thursday poses, at St. John's Parish Hall,

be one of pleasure to them who take an in music and recitation. The young ladies in charge have arranged very attractive programme. Mrs Gratz Van Rensselaer and family will leave Washington on the 14th instant to make their future home

at Northampton, Mass. Mrs. Hull will also make her home at that place. Miss Kelton, who is the guest of Mrs. or. Brooke at Fortress Monroe, was given a german by the young people of the garrison on Friday evening.

Ex-Minister McLane is in the city the guest of Mr. Johnson of I street. Mrs. Representative Baker of New York will hold her last reception on Friday next at the Rochester. Mrs. Senator Wilson will be at hom

o her friends on Thursday next. Mrs. Thomas Taylor of 238 Massa husetts avenue northeast, though con valescent, is not yet able to see her friends, but Miss Robena Taylor will be at home to her friends the remaining Mondays in February.

The ladies interested in the free disensary of Capitol Hill are preparing for an entertainment to be given in its aid at the National Hotel during the present month. The sewing circle of the Ladies' Aid ociety of the Garfield Hospital met on

Friday at the residence of Mrs. Sickels, Connecticut avenue. The object of the

sewing circle is to make articles for the bazar to be held in connection with a garden party in the early spring at Calu-met Place in aid of the hospital. Among hose present were:

Kellogg, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Leighton, and the Misses Calla Smith, Butchinson, Butherford, Metzerott, Taylor, Rose, Hep-burn, Heywood, Schofield, Carman, Dag-gett and Jennings.

Some beautiful work was shown, and delicious lunch was then served by the generous hostess. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Simon Wolf, 1125 Fifth street.

A progressive euchre party was given last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. McFalls, No. 1009 Ninth street northwest, by the ladies and gentlemen of the house, the honors being carried off by the following-named ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Dr. Hill, Mr. Davis, Miss Devilieu, Dr. Hill, Miss Patton and Mr. Mercer. The large dining-room was thrown open at 1 o'clock, where a a bountiful repast was served.

Mrs. Daniel receives on Thursday from 4 to 7 o'clock at 1700 Nineteent steeet, assisted by Mrs. Senator Stewart of Nevada, Mrs. General Hooker of Mississippi, Mrs. Charles E. Heald of Virginia, Miss Aldrich, Miss Flannagan of New York, Miss White of New York and Miss Webb of Washington.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP.

Erastus Wyman Says it Will Benefit Canada and the United States. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 8 .- At the Chamber of Commerce banquet here this evening, Erastus Wiman, replying to the toast "A commerce that should be continued," said that if one doubted a providential dispensation he would be convinced by recalling the procession of events included in the discovery of America, the Declaration of Independence, and the creation of a great nation by making available the enormous re-sources for the good of mankind.

But if the finger of Providence was plainly discerned in the development of half the continent, how clearly does it point in the direction of the greater por on of that area included within the British possessions, containing, as it does, resources of such great wealth which could be rendered contributory to the continued progress and prosperity of the United States.

It was further urged that the conditions existing on both sides of the bor der were extremely favorable to an immediate commercial partnership be tween the two countries, affording to the United States a needed market and a free supply of raw material on the one hand and to Canada an outlet and

needed development on the other.

The Liberal party in Canada, at the next general election to be held within fifteen months, with a slight encour agement from the United States, would make this a test question, and, if suc-cessful, would elect a Parliament that would favor a commercial intercourse between the two nations as free and unrestricted as that which prevails be tween the States of the Union.

A CHINAMAN'S MISSION.

He is Going Home to Save the Heads of Four Coolles. CHICAGO, Feb. 8 .- Tong Seng Wah

Kee, a Boston Chinaman, en route to his native land on a mission of mercy, has arrived in Chicago. He was seen putling a fragrant Havana and spouting English as fluently as if to the manor born. He told what his mission was, He was going, he said, with evidence which, he hoped, would save the heads of four poor coolies, who came to this ountry, started a laundry in New York, and one of them, taking sick, decided to return home. On reaching there they were accused of treason and burgary and condemned to death. If he arrives in China in time, Wah

Kee says that he thinks he can save after which he will visit old friends and scenes and then come back to Boston for the balance of his days. Wah Kee is well educated, speaks four languages fluently and is cailed upon in New York and Boston to act as arbitrator. The idea that a Chinaman's sole purpose was to get money enough to take him back to China, he ays, is entirely erroneous. The Chinese that are already here have come to stay. They like the country, the people and everything in connection with it. The prejudice against the Chinese Keeps them down in this country, but in time that will be wiped out and his countrymen be allowed a landing on the shores.

ALARMING STATE OF AFFAIRS. Result of an Inspection of the Indianapolis Schools.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8.-The State Board of Health has completed the extensive and novel sanitary survey of the school-houses in Indiana upon which it has been at work for many weeks. Reports have been read from 3,186 chools. The results of the survey are alarming and demand attention from the authorities. In the schools report-

ing are 12,833 near-sighted pupils. Eighteen per cent, of the grounds need drainage, 71 per cent. of the houses are not properly ventilated, 12 per cent, are not properly heated, 34 per cent, have blackboards between the windows, 30 per cent have bad water supply, 45 per cent. have dangerous nulsances near them, 6 per cent require Poles to be vaccinated, and in 52 per cent. pupils coming from families in which contagious diseases are pre-valling are not excluded from school.

The dangerous nuisances referred to are cemeteries, ponds, etc. The dangerous evils are shown to be the ventila tion and water supply. In many in-stances the arrangements of outbuildings are such that a deliberate purpose o taint the morality of the pupils would hardly have suggested any different

REVIVING THE WHIPPING POST. Sixteen Criminals Flogged at Wilmington, Del.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Feb. 8.-As a result of a week's sitting of the Court of Oyer and Terminer sixteen men, of whom three are white, were whipped at New Castle this morning by Allon. The total number of lashes administered was 103.

The whippings took place in a driving ain storm. There were but few specrain storm. tators and no incidents of especial note. Just prior to the whippings a pardon was received from Governor Biggs remitting the ten lashes in the case of Howard J. Woodward, convicted of stealing some money. Three of the prisoners, who were to have received six lashes each for stealing chickens had one lash each remitted by the court. Secretary Tullock of the Board of Examiners, who went through the ex-

amination of the applicants for appointments to clerkships and mail-carriers in the Washington Postoffice, says that they expect to get through with the marking of the examination papers in about two weeks from next Mon-day. It will be remembered that there were nearly ninety applicants and the process of passing through all these papers is necessarily slow and laboridgned with the Milwaukee Club. After the examination made of applicants last year it took nearly three menths to complete the markings, but the board this time propose to push the work through with the utmost ball during last season, and the Washington management were endeavoring to secure him

WE WILL HAVE A CLUB.

NO INTENTION TO SELL THE FRAN-CHISE TO OUTSIDERS.

Fielding and Young to Fight in This City-New Prize-Fighting Rule-Gossip of the Diamond, Ring and Sporting in General.

There can no longer be a doubt that President Hewett intends to have a League club in this city, not withstanding the statements to the contrary, the rumored sales and the accumulations of theories respecting Washington's future as a baseball town. President Hewitt declares that there is to be club, and there is no reason to doubt the truth of his declaration. Carrie representative yesterday, President Hewett said: "There seems to be a feeling of doubt among the baseball patrons of this city concerning the future of the Washington Club, despite my frequent assertions that the club was remain in existence as a member of the National League.

This doubt has been occasioned, daresay, by the statements published in outside newspapers, first respecting my desire to get out of the baseball business and afterward with regard to the sale of the League franchise.
"I have never contemplated the sale

of the League franchise to any organi-tion outside of this city, but I did think at the close of the last season of retiring from the business. When the season of 1889 closed the Washington Club was behind, not only race for the pennant, the financially. This was mainly due to bad weather. We had lost almost every holiday on account of rain, and this with the other bad days that occurred during the season, brought the club out a loser. Had we been able to take advantage of the holidays, I be-lieve we would have been all right, but as it was, the club was behind and I determined that I would not run the club alone another year. I announced this openly, and when I went to the League meeting after the close of the season I was still undecided as to what I intended to do regarding the Washington

"The other members of the League however, were so anxious that I should remain in the organization, and the change in the percentage of receipts to be given the visiting clubs gave such improved prospects to the weaker clubs that I concluded, that, whether alone or not, I would keep Washington in the League. That resolution I have strictly adhered to.
"The managers of the Baltimore club

opened negotiations with me with a view to securing an interest in the club in exchange for some of their players, whom I wanted, and a corresponding interest in the Baltimore Atlantic League club. I did not, however, contemplate selling the franchise to Baltimore and when the design in the Baltimore, and when the decision in the injunction suit brought by the League against the Brotherhood, rendered it impossible for the Baltimore people to transfer their players, the negotiations

between us were dropped.
"Since then I have not by either word or act implied that the franchise was for sale. The talk about a sale to the Detroit Club grew out of a brief conversation that occurred between President Stearns of Detroit and myself at the last meeting of the League. Stearns asked me what I would take for the League franchise, and I mentioned my figure. He did not make me an offer, and if he did I would not now accept the sum I mentioned then. You can depend upon it that Washington will remain in the League if I can keep it there, and I am certainly doing my utmost with that end in view."

The sincerity of Mr. Hewett's re-marks can be best appreciated by a knowledge of what he has already done toward securing a team for this ntv and making the other necessary arrangements for the approaching season. He has secured a lease for five years of the new grounds between Sixteenth and Seventeeth and T and U streets northwest, and has given to Mr. A. Gleason, the well-known contractor, the contract for erecting the grand stand, clubhouse and other buildings. The grand stand is to be far superior to the one at the old grounds, both in the matter of comfort and general convenience, and will be, as Mr. Hewett says, "One that a lady need not be ashamed to enter.

The construction of the buildings will be superintended by James Dunn who thinks the work can be completed within three weeks. Work will ably be begun about the 10th of the With regard to securing ers, Mr. Hewett has given Ted Sullivan, his manager, permission to secure all the young players he believes are likely to strengthen the team, and at present he has obtained enough young blood to put the club on an equal footing with any other in the League, excepting possibly Brooklyn, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

The latest acquisition is Nicholas, a catcher from the Interstate League, who said to have done remarkably good work during the last season. The other players who have been signed so far are as follows: Riddle and Byrd, catchers McCoy, Maloney and Philips, all from the Southern League, pitchers; Whistler, first base; Ben Hill, third base; Jordan, Baeder and Blackford, field, and Stover, all-round player,

ese men, some of whom are known in Washington, have all demonstrated considerable ability for youngsters, and, in the opinion of Mr. Sullivan, are likely to develop into as good players as the League possesses.

Baseball authorities throughout the

city are becoming enthusiastic over the outlook for the coming season, and are now satisfied that the Washington man agement is thoroughly in earnest. W. C. McGill, one of the best known wri ters on baseball in the city, who has been thoroughly conversant with the details of all Mr. Hewett's negotiations during the past six months, declares emphatically that Washington's baseball prospects were never brighter. In tever way the League's suits against the Brotherhood terminates, Washington will not be affected, and, as a natural consequence, its position is one of unquestionable strength.

THE ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION A proposition has been considered by some of the members of the Atlantic Association to put a club in this city. There is little probability of their doing so, however, owing to the fact that with a League club here the patronage will undoubtedly be given to that or-ganization. The American Association conceived a similar plan early in the season, and had made all arrangements with people here to take charge of it. Their plans, however, were based on the expectation of Washington's withdrawal from the League. When this did not occur, the Association managers abandoned the project and Brooklyn was admitted to complete the

George Schook, who played in Wash ington during the season of 1888, has will cover second base and will probably captain the team. Shock played

The Brotherhood certainly does not lack in generosity in fixing salaries. spring's freshets.

laying out grounds and erecting stands and fences will probably be The salary list of the Chicago Club amounts to \$60,000. The expenses in and fences will probably be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Manager Harry Wright has taken the first step toward getting the players to-gether for the projected Southern trip for early practice. It is his desire to start for Jacksonville, Fia., this week and he has sent thereof notices to all players under contract for the coming

The Cleveland League Club will suits against Stricker, Tebeau and Gruber. Bob Barr's contract with Rochester

calls for no Sunday games.

Arthur Irwin has taken the Dartmouth College team in hand. Wilmot is booked for centre field on the Chicago League team.

Manager Barnic says his Baltimore

team will win the Atlantic Association championship.

The League club in Pittsburg has now twenty men under contract.

FIELDING AND YOUNG TO FIGHT. A match has finally been arranged between Joe Fielding of England and Billy Young of this city, the two smartest lightweights that have been brought together in this vicinity since Barney Aaron and Collier battled for the championship years ago. The match is to be ten rounds for a purse of \$250 a side, under Marquis of Queens-berry rules. Gloves will be used and the number of rounds will be limited to ten, so that there is little chance of a knock-out. The fight, however, will serve to demonstrate which of the men

is the better. This question of superiority between the two is one that has occasioned general interest among sporting men. Young has been for some time the undisputed possessor of the District light-weight championship, and the efforts recently made by his backers to match him against McMillan showed how highly they estimated his ability. The appearance of Joe Fielding, however, caused a decided falling off in the number of Young's admirers. Fielding. entirely unknown to the Washington public, met Young in a three-round exhibition match about a month ago, and on that occasion he gained such a de-cisive advantage that the Young prople could scarcely believe their eyes. NEW FIGHTING RULE.

The California Athletic Club has established a rule in connection with the contests to take place in their rooms, which will certainly prove exceedingly satisfactory to the general public, even if it is not quite a source of pleasure to the puglilists themselves. They have decided to have a competent physician in attendance before each of the contests, who will examine the men thoroughly and decide whether or not they are in or out of condition. This, it i hoped, will have a tendency to curtail, if not to prevent altogether, the puerile excuse which has been offered by al-most every defeated man during the

last ten years.
Kilrain was out of condition when he fought Sullivan, and coming down the list of fighters it is found that in almost every instance the defeated man in the fight has been entirely unfit for the ring at the time he was defeated. The pub lic puts little faith in such excuses, and will be pleased to have the condition of the men decided upon by an expert in such matters before the battle begins. PRIZE-FIGHTING EVENTS.

Young was, of course, out of condi tion, they said, or else Fielding could not have stood in front of him, and to show that they believed their own as-sertion the two have been matched for a ten-round contest. The fight will take place within the next three weeks at a point yet to be decided upon. Both men are now training actively, and as each is exceedingly clever an interest ing "mill" is anticipated. Fielding is a trifle lighter than Young, but in other respects they are well matched.

Among the events which are to ranspire in the near future are the battles between Jack Dempsey and the Australian, McCarty, for the middleweight championship, and between Jack McAuliffe and Jimmie Carroll, both of which are to take place in San Francisco. All the men are now in that

city and are training hard.

McAuliffe anticipates an easy victory over Collins, but Dempsey is keeping silent regarding his contest, and seems to fully appreciate the fact that he has a hard fight before him. COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Columbia Athletic Club is making more extensive preparations for out-door sports than were ever known in the history of the club. Captain Sam Steinmetz, the director of athletics proposes to organize as soon as possible la crosse, football and baseball teams that he believes will compare favorably with any amateur team in the country There are a number of new men in the club fresh from the different college throughout the country. They have all had plenty of experience during the past year with the college teams, and are now ready and anxious to lend their efforts to the success of the club.

As yet nothing definite has been de clared upon, but at the next meeting of the board of governors on Wednesday night a committee on athletics will be appointed and active preparations will be made for the spring and summer games. Dates will be made with the various college and athletic club teams and it is not unlikely that as many interesting contests will be witnessed at club's grounds as will be furnished by

the professional players.

The club has secured the services of Tommy O'Neil, formerly track master of the Brooklyn Athletic Club, and he will be put in charge of the grounds on Analostan Island at once, with instru tions to put them in the best possible condition

THE RACING OUTLOOK The racing outlook is almost as encouraging as the baseball prospect. As stated yesterday, the executive committee of the Jockey Club formally decided to hold a spring meeting. But in addition to this the club has virtually decided to join issues with Baltimore Philadelphia and New York in estab lishing a trotting circuit, and will as range for a trotting meet after the spring running meeting. Secretary McIntyre of the Brooklyn Jockey Club is aiding the club in arranging its pro-

Mr. McIntyre is well known as the former secretary of the National Jockey Club, and has the reputation of being one of the best men to arrange a fair handicap in the country. The members of the Washington Club are anxious that he should accept the secretaryship of the club, and it is more than likely that he will do so. POTOMAC ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Potomac Athletic Club is follow ng the example of the Columbia Club, and is preparing its grounds for the approaching season. They will or ganize baseball and other clubs, and will devote the attention to boating that has usually characterized this or

The Analostan Boat Club propose to take a hand in this form of sport and together these clubs are determined to have a regatta on the Potomac whether the Columbias participate or ot. The Analosians will receive a ne four-cared shell on Monday, the firs they have purchased since the destruction of their house and boats by last

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THE SQUADRON OF EVOLUTION TARRY AT PORT MAHON.

The Place Rendered Memorable by the Famous Jump From the Main Truck of the "Old Ironsides"— Pleasant Sailing in Foreign Waters,

PORT MAHON, MINORCA, Jan. 25 .-On the afternoon of the 20th the squadron left Carthagena and proceeded to this port. It was the intention of the Admiral to land the battalions of the different vessels for field exercise, but, having failed to secure permission from the Spanish authorities, the scheme has unfortunately fallen through.

Carthagena, although unquestionably interesting to the antiquarian, contains little to delight the ordinary observer, Low life and wretchedness are everywhere apparent and there is not a respectable building in the place. A visit to the arsenal does not inspire enthusiasm in the naval mind It contains a fine rope walk and plants for the manufacturer of projectiles and repair of iron work, but there is nothing which will compare favorably with similar estab-

compare ravorably with similar estab-lishments in our own navy yards.

From the top of the old fortress, built on a commanding position in the centre of the city, there is a fine view of the surroundings of Carthagena, but one looks on nothing but uncultivated land and bleak, low hills. A walk around the old city walls is interesting on account of the ancient guns, which are still mounted, two of them with the muzzles blown off

The harbor and modern fortifications are of the best, and the sucrounding country is rich in various minerals. There are between 300 and 400 mines in active operation. After a pleasant run of forty-two hours, at an average speed of eight knots an hour, we anchored in the harbor of Port Mahon, capital of Minorca. The harbor is finely sheltered and the aspect of the country pleasing. The buildings are beautifully white, and altogether the scene is refreshing after the barrenness of Carthagena.

It was here, it will be remembered, that an American commodore and son made the terrific leap from the main truck of the "Old ironsides" to the blue depths below. Our own Farragut's father was born some four miles from here, and the great Admiral himself visited here on his last memorable cruise on the Franklin.

The squadron has had plenty of drill

since its arrival here, and its crows at the present moment will favorably compare with the best of any navy. Yesterday when the general signal, "clear ships for action," was run aloft on the flag ship it was impossible not to admire the seamanlike manner in which the different evolutions were executed Down came top-gallant-masts, gards

boats, stanchions and ginger-bread work with astonishing rapidity, and in thirty minutes the ships had assumed a fierce and business-like aspect, with guns pointed for concentrated fire and torpedo launches surrounding them like satellites. In the afternoon the general signal, "Arm and away all boats for cutting out," was hoisted, and every boat in the squadron was armed and equipped and proceeded alongside the flagship for inspection by the com-minder-in-chief.

Admiral Walker is very strict concerning boat drill, and all arrangements connected with it have to be carried out in the most thorough manner. of the principal objects of the squadron of evolution, he maintains, is to luid up and perfect a system of dr.ll suitable for the mighty weapons of the day-a scientific system-and in addition, to find substitutes for the obsolete spar and sail drills, which shall maintain in an equal degree the tone and temper of the men, their moral and physical vigor. It is obvious gun Therefore hardy exercise in boats is re

sorted to. The squadron will remain here until the 31st, when it will leave for Toulon. Large parties of our men visit the shore daily after exercise, and many have already visited the cathedral which contains the great organ. On Thursday afternoon it played for the especial benefit of the officers and men of the squadron and discoursed our national

airs in a magnificent manner.
The Admiral and staff have visited fficially the captain-general island, who, in turn, returned the call, The squadron remains here principally for drill. The general health is now very good, the influenza having fortunately almost entirely disappeared. A general court-martial was convened on board the Boston during the stay in Carthagena for the trial of various

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